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NBCC Foundation Awards Scholarship to Jessica Santillan

Rockton, IL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a 2020–2021 <u>Board Certified Coach</u> (BCC) training award to Jessica Santillan, of Rockton, Illinois. The goal of this scholarship, provided through funding from the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), is to increase the number of available Board Certified Coaches. Santillan will receive up to \$3,000 towards the cost of an approved BCC training.

Jessica Santillan is an academic advisor for a technical college in Wisconsin. She received her Bachelor of Science from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois and Master of Arts from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Currently, Ms. Santillan is pursuing her Doctor of Education at Creighton University. She holds the Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) Certification from CCE. She is a first-generation college student whose parents migrated from Mexico. Throughout her positions in academia, she has strived to be a voice for underrepresented students and is committed to diversity, inclusion, and equity. Her goal as a BCC is to be caring and supportive and to mentor students. Ms. Santillan plans to work on coordinating intervention strategies to assist students during their educational journey and aid in attaining their career goals.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The NBCC Foundation in collaboration with CCE provides training awards and scholarships to assist counseling and other professionals in attaining CCE credentials and to support and increase their ongoing professional development and continuing education opportunities.

For more information about NBCC Foundation scholarship opportunities as well as CCE-sponsored scholarships, visit <u>nbccf.org</u>. More information about the BCC and other CCE credentials is available at <u>cce-global.org</u>.

ABOUT THE NBCC FOUNDATION

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 66,000 board certified counselors in the United States and over 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.